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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

Art Unit: 3754

KIS ET AL.

Examiner: Nicolas, Frederick C

APPLICATION NO: 09/973,256

FILED: OCTOBER 9, 2001

FOR: PACKAGE FOR A PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCT AND METHOD OF

STERILIZING THE PACKAGE

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## NOTICE OF APPEAL

Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the Office Action dated August 6, 2004 finally rejecting claims 34-42.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis in the amount of \$500 for
payment of the appeal fee. An additional copy of this paper is here enclosed. The Commissioner
is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any
overpayment, to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis.
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The appeal fee was paid in a previous appeal herein. The examiner re-opened prosecution prior to any decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences. No fee is now due.

Enclosed is a Petition for Extension of Time.

Respectfully submitted,

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